

ATTACHMENT B

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

REMARKS

Without addressing the merits of the Restriction Requirement, Applicants herein elect Group II, drawn to the method claims, 15-18.

By the present amendment, independent claims 11 and 15 have been amended to include subject matter previously disclosed in the application but not heretofore incorporated into the present claims, namely wherein the cleaning gas is $\text{CF}_3\text{CF}=\text{CF}_2$. This subject matter is well disclosed in the original specification (see, e.g., Page 2, lines 1-3) and thus no new matter is added by the amendment. In addition, new method claims 19 and 20 are also provided which pertain to this subject matter, as well as new gas claims 21 and 22. It is submitted that at least new claims 19 and 20 are appropriately examined along with the method claims of Group II. Applicants submit that in light of the fact that the elected method claims are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, they are patentable in their present form and place this case in condition for allowance.

In light of the present election and amendments, Applicants hereby request examination and allowance of the application at the earliest possible time.

END REMARKS